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Registered Handicraft Units
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of registered handicraft units functioning in various States of the country including Rajasthan, State/UT-wise;

(b) The details of the schemes and proposals for promotion and development of handicrafts in the States along with the details of the action plan for their effective implementation;

(c) The funds allocated by the Government to various States/UTs in the country along with the funds utilized by them during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(d) The details of readymade handicraft items exported to international market by the registered handicraft units during the said period along with the amount of foreign currency earned, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES
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(a): The handicraft artisans generally operate from their houses and as such these small units are not required to be registered. It is estimated that 68.86 lakhs artisans practice handicrafts through-out the country. However, some bigger units manufacturing exportable handicrafts products are registered with export promotion councils i.e. Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) & Carpet Export Promotion Council (CEPC). The State/UT wise list including the State of Rajasthan of such registered units are enclosed as Annexure − A.

(b) The Government implements the following schemes for development of handicrafts sector in the country:

(i) Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana
(ii) Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme
(iii) Marketing Support and Services Scheme
(iv) Research and Development Scheme
(v) Human and Resource Development Scheme
(vi) Handicrafts Artisans Comprehensive Welfare Scheme
(vii) Infrastructure and Technology Development Scheme.

Recently, the various schemes have been reviewed and rationalize into one umbrella scheme namely "National Handicraft Development Programme [NHDP]" to emphasize integrated approach for development of handicraft clusters in a holistic manner. The NHDP has following components:

I. A. Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojna
I. Dastkar Shashktikaran Yojna.
II. Design & Technology Upgradation
III. Human Resource Development
IV. Direct Benefit to Artisans.
V. Infrastructure and Technology Support.
B. Mega Cluster
II. Marketing Support & Services.
III. Research and Development

The programmes are implemented through various State Corporations/Apex agencies/Institutions etc. The field units of Office of the Development Commissioner (Handicrafts) which are located throughout the country monitor the activity for effective implementation of the schemes/programmes. The proposals have been invited from various implementing agencies, and an Annual Action Plan has been prepared accordingly, which is placed at Annexure- B.

(c) The funds are sanctioned to implementing agencies and not to States/UT directly, and hence state-wise allocation is not done. However, the statement containing state wise expenditure made during the last three years scheme-wise is enclosed at Annexure-C.

(d) The details of export to various countries and foreign Exchange earned is enclosed at Annexure-D.